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SUBJECT: BOTH RIOTERS AND POLICEMEN INDICTED FOR
VIOLENCE DURING APRIL 21 DEMONSTRATIONS

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1. THE SEPTEMBER 10 ATHENS PRESS REPORTS THAT THE
COURT OF MISDEMEANORS HAS INDICTED FOUR RIOTERS AND FOUR
POLICEMEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH
THE DEMONSTRATIONS ON APRIL 21, 1975(REFTEL). THE RIOTERS
(ALL STUDENTS OF WHOM THREE ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST
EKKE) WERE SPECIFICALLY CHARGED FOR ILLEGAL ACTION IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, INCLUDING
FOR INSTIGATING 2.8 MILLION DRACHMAS WORTH OF PHYSICAL
DAMAGE TO THE EMBASSY BUILDING, FOR OFFENDING THE PUBLIC
AUTHORITY, AND FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR BODILY INJURIES
INFLICTED ON POLICE AND CIVILIANS DURING THE RIOT. THE
FOUR POLICEMEN WERE CHARGED FOR MALTREATING ONE OF THE
DEMONSTRATORS.

2. COMMENT: IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE PROSECUTION OF
THE STUDENTS BY THE GOG WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT IN
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TONING DOWN ANY FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS THAT MIGHT OCCUR. AS

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TO THE SECURITY FORCES, EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THAT POLICE MORALE IS EBBING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND THE INDICTMENT OF THESE FOUR POLICEMEN COULD CONTRIBUTE TO DAMPENING THE FUTURE ENTHUSIASM OF FRONT-LINE STALWARTS IN COPING WITH STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS.
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